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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

REF: 2026-150
Subject: Toxic Shock Syndrome

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email dated **20/02/2026** where you requested information about **Toxic Shock Syndrome.**

The information you requested is enclosed.

Question	Answer
Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information for toxic shock syndrome (TSS) (ICD-10 code A48.3) for your trust's hospitals, for the period 1 January 2021 to present: 1. Total number of cases of toxic shock syndrome diagnosed (ICD-10 A48.3), by year (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025/2026 so far) 2. The number of cases where TSS was linked to tampon use or menstruation, where this information is recorded in clinical coding or case notes If the data above are not held exactly as requested, please provide the closest available equivalent.	This is a zero return for Bolton NHS Foundation Trust

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Yours sincerely,

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